

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated 6/3/03, claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 are amended, and claims 6 and 9 are canceled. Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

The indication that claims 1-5 are allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mandel et al. (USPN 5,823,529).

The Examiner indicates that claims 7, 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To expedite prosecution, claim 7 is amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 6, now canceled. Also, claim 10 is amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 9, now canceled. In addition to the above amendments, dependent claims 2-5 and 8 are amended to begin with "Then" instead of "An".

In view of the above amendments, claims 7 and 10, as amended, as well as claim 8 depending from claim 7, are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

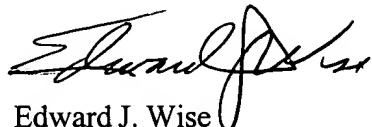
Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding

issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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